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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORTTOPIC Czechoslovakian Air Force Headquarters in Prague

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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- Between October 1954 and March 1955, observations were made daily on a modern, 6-story building with 3 additional stories underground. This building was located in the center of Prague and was bordered on the north by the former Benediktska Street, which was used as a parking lot for military motor vehicles; on the south by Kralovodvorska Street, on the west by Rybna Street and on the east by the Namesti Republiky square. Two passageways led to the building from Namesti Republiky Square and from Rybna Street. The building, called Kotva Palace ("Palac Kotva"), was referred to as "Letecke stredisko" (aviation or air force center) by the Czech population. The underground stories housed large rooms. The motion picture theater was no longer in existence there. Benediktska Street between Namesti Republiky and Rybna Street had been converted into a motor-vehicle parking lot and was surrounded by a board fence with the entrance gate on Rybna Street. Sedans and trucks of the Czechoslovakian Air Force parked in this parking lot, which was guarded by air force soldiers wearing light blue uniforms.

- While walking 4 to 6 times every day along Rybna Street, Kotva Palace and the parking place, it was observed that there was intensive traffic of officers and EM of the Czechoslovakian Air Force who wore light blue uniforms. The personnel arrived in sedans and trucks which were parked in the aforementioned parking lot. The soldiers did not carry any arms. They entered the Kotva Palace through the southern passageway. The building attached to Kotva Palace, which was also frequented by air force personnel, housed a kitchen and a messhall.

Comment. This is the first report on a presumed air force headquarters in Kotva Palace in Prague. The type and size of the headquarters has not been determined. For detailed sketch of Prague town map, showing the location of Kotva Palace, see Annex.

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Annex

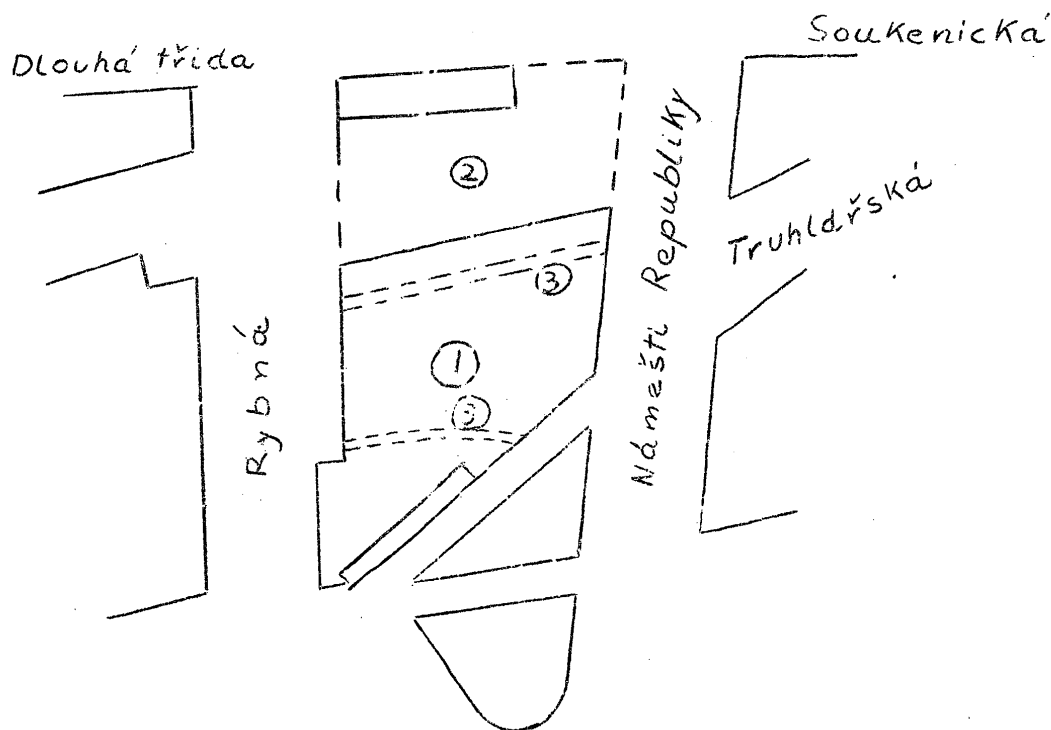
Detailed Sketch of Prague Town Map P 5

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Legend:

- 1 Kotva Palace
- 2 Motor-vehicle parking place
- 3 Passageways



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